(b) if so, in what manner and where the above money has been used by the Central Government; and

(c) what is the purpose of taking the above money by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) to (c) As already indicated on page 12 of the Receipts Budget for 1992-93, the surplus profits to be transferred by RBI to Government in the current year is estimated at Rs. 1500 crores and the increase follows the decision to discontinue the practice of appropriating large amounts from the profits of RBI for advancing loans to industrial and agricultural financial institutions before transferring the surplus to Government. This will enable Government to meet its expenditure to a larger extent from revenue receipts instead of borrowings and thus help containment of the fiscal deficit.

Representation from trade unions of West Bengal

117. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received any representation from trade unions of West Bengal urging him to make credit flow freely through lead banks in the Eastern and the North-Eastern regions for speedy development of the areas;

(b) if so, main points raised in the said representation; and

(c) what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Privatisation of Nasik and Dewas Note Presses

118. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to privatise the present state owned Nasik and Dewas note printing presses; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of New Note Press

119. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI ASHIS SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up two new note printing presses;

(b) if so, by when such units will start functioning; and

(c) whether State Governments concerned have already been informed about the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The two new note printing presses are being set up by the Reserve Bank of India, one at Salboni (West Bengal) and the other at Mysore (Karnataka).

(b) The initial lines of production of the two units are expected to be commissioned by July, 1994 and fully operational by June, 1996.

(c) Yes, sir.